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In re Application of :
Donna G. Albertson et al. :
Application No. 09/285,292 :
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 7, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned as a result of petitioner's failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner in reply to the final Office action mailed September 27, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on December 28, 2002.

The two-month period for filing an appeal brief in triplicate (accompanied by the fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(c)), runs from the date of this decision.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 1642.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 308-6911.

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